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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (KOKAI) No. 10-37962 is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application. An English-language abstract of this document is enclosed.

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3. An English-language abstract is enclosed for PCT International Publication No. WO 92/01872.

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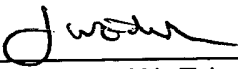
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